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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: JA, CH

SUBJECT: SENKAKUS VIOLATORS PUNISHED?

1. JUNE 23 ASAHI REPORTS STORY IN JUNE 22 MING PAO THAT TWO WALL POSTERS RECENTLY OBSERVED IN SHANGHAI DESCRIBED SENKAKUS INCIDENT AS RESULT OF DECISION TAKEN INDEPENDENTLY BY SHANGHAI FISHERIES BUREAU. SHANGHAI CITY PARTY COMMITTEE, UPON LEARNING WHAT WAS HAPPENING, ALLEGEDLY ORDERED PROMPT WITHDRAWAL. WHEN FISHERMEN FAILED TO RESPOND, PARTY COMMITTEE THREATENED TO DEPRIVE LEADERS OF PARTY MEMBERSHIP, WHEREUPON BOATS LEFT DISPUTED AREA.

2. WE WOULD NOT PRESUME TO JUDGE PLAUSIBILITY OF THIS STORY. IT DOES, HOWEVER, GENERALLY ACCORD WITH CONSIDERED POST-INCIDENT VIEW OF SENKAKUS AFFAIR EXPRESSED JUNE 22 BY MEMBER OF MOFA CHINA DIVISION; THAT SENKAKUS INCURSION PROBABLY WAS NOT ORCHESTRATED FROM PEKING BUT INSTEAD STEMMED FROM SOME SORT OF LOCAL INITIATIVE, AND REFLECTED

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